

Honourable,

I Am your Cousin, (though a Prisoner) descended from the Body of *Henry Percy 5th. Earl of Northumberland*; By which Descent I am Cousin and next Heir-male to *Josceline Percy* your Father the late and 11th. Earl of *Northumberland*, Deceased. A Prison is a Grave for Men alive; But when *Naboth* was stoned to death, then *Ahab* took possession of the Vinyard, *1 Kings. 21. 18.* And walking in the Garden among the Beds of Pleasure, then God sent his Prophet *Elias*, to tell *Ahab* of his Transgression, (notwithstanding he was a King.) *Ezekiel 46. 18.* When *Belshazzar* was quaffing in the Gold and Silver Vessels of the Temple, then appeared the Hand-writing upon the Wall, *Dan. 5.* When your late Husband the Lord *Ogle* went about to assume the name of *Percy*, and to have the *Percies* Lands settled upon him by Act of Parliament, then God call'd him to Account; Therefore let Your Ladyship do Justice speedily, and submit to Truth in Time, for fear God calls You to Account also. I believe Your Servants and Agents have rendred Me to You to be a Monster, and not a Man; Be not too subject to Believe Them, but see with your own Eys, and hear with your own Ears; and admit Me into Your presence, for I have something to offer that will add Fame to Your Honour, and Rank You with those Two Worthy Women of our Family, the Lady *Agnes Percy*, who preserved the *Percies* Name, and the Lady *Lucy*, that settled her Estate upon the Heirs Males of the *Percies* for ever; And for ever that Estate must attend the Title; And the Fines can never be recover'd but by the true Heir-Male of the *Percies* Mr. *Gee* can inform You (if he pleases,) how I was at *Petworth* in the Year 1654. And then, and there made my Claim as I do now; And before Mr. *Clark's* Tryal, Your Agents, with their Counsel, would have own'd Me to be the next Heir, and would have assisted Me for the Title with their Books, Pedigree and Records: And also how I met with Mr. *Champion* and Mr. *Gee* at Doctor *Lampley's* House, and there made out my Pedigree clear, only I could not find out my Great Grand-fathers Name; First, it was a very hard Name; And Secondly, Mr. *Champion* kept it secret till he was forc'd to declare upon his Oath, that Sir *Ingelram Percy* was Married, and had Sons and Daughters, at Sir *John Copleston's* Tryal for *Cannington* and *Rodaway* Lands in *Somersetshire*. Thirdly, The *Heralds* had altogether neglected the Collateral Line of the *Percies*. Now all my Aim is really to beget a right understanding, so that I may remain,

Your Ladyships Real, Cordial, and Faithful Kinsman,
and most Humble Servant,

JAMES PERCY.

What I have to declare to your Ladyship is not convenient to be committed to writing, but assure your self it really tends to your present Welfare, and future Peace and Prosperity.

An Answer will find me in the Kings-Bench-Rules, at the Written Table at Captain *Dancer's* House in Lombard-street, near the Bowling-green, in the Borough of Southwark.

This Letter was presented the day of the date hereof; and the Claymante hath printed it; that the world may see that a true *Percy* is not affraid of his Innocent and just Cause, nor affraid of his Potent Opponents; For he whom *Truth* in, is greater than they, *Eccl. ver. 8.*

NOW in these our-days there is no Prophet *God*, *Micah*, *Elijah*, nor Interpreters of Dreams, like *Joseph* and *Daniel*, that dares presume to speak to Kings as they did in those days.

Therefore *James Percy*, the true Heir male of the *Percies*, Earls of *Northumberland*, humbly makes bold with the Prophet *Ezekiel*, cap. 46. ver. 18. Moreover the Prince shall not take of the Peoples Inheritance by oppression, but he shall give his Sons Inheritance out of his own Possession, that my People be not scattered every man from his Possession. The

... of Excellence, and the Gracious Answer
 ... should bindee as He
 ... And to that purpose His Majesty ordered Sir ...
 ... in writing, to go to the Attorney General, to know ...
 ... which the Claymants Solicitor, Mr. Thomas Swain, ...
 ... Attorney General said, He could not sign Percy's Commission, by reason ... was of ...
 ... for the Countess of Northumberland: And the Court of ... did much
 ... deruize the Claimant in his Proceedings, and no less ... have been
 ... on and been shelter'd under Priviledges, which hath ... all this time.
 ... And from that time Mr. Swain (the Claymant's ... play the Devil
 ... two sticks, for whilst James Percy was prosecuting the Law, and delivering Declarations
 ... Ejectments in the North, the Solicitor had contriv'd the business so, as the Title and
 ... were begg'd, dispos'd and scatter'd before the Claymant returned, and then pretend
 ... Co-warrant, with other Writings, was lost, which cost a considerable Sum of Money, and
 ... then arrested his Clyent James Percy in three several Suits at Law, which continued three
 ... years; But the Solicitor Swain was overthrowen in all the 3 Actions, more than the Claymant
 ... James Percy was, whose travels poisoned at New-Castle, arrested at York in two Actions of
 ... 20000 l. each Action, and then durst not proceed at Law, but let the Actions fall, and paid
 ... 4000 l. Cost, a poor satisfaction for a night and two days Imprisonment, and maintaining my
 ... two Men and three Horses, besides the Charge of spunging Bums; And the Actions were in
 ... the Lord of Essex, and Mr. Clark, and others Names: And to fill up the measure of malice,
 ... they published in the English Gazette, and the French Gazette, That the Claymant was an Im-
 ... possor; And Mr. Blackston said in all these Courts, That the Claymant's Name was not Percy,
 ... but declared him to be a Bastard; with many more scandalous words, which were proved at
 ... that Tryal before the Lord Chief Justice Seroger, notwithstanding he discharged Mr. Black-
 ... ston and Sir George Jeffreys at that Tryal, took Fees on both sides, so the Claymant James
 ... Percy was clearly bought and sold, and proved to his Damage 12000 l. Besides, it was the
 ... occasion of this his present Imprisonment, upon the Writs of Error that were so strangely dis-
 ... miss'd the House of Lords without any Hearing; notwithstanding the renewing and conti-
 ... nuing after every Prorogation, cost in all above 300 l. And now the Claymant James Percy hath
 ... used all ways and means possible, (as by his Petition and publick Prints appears) and cannot
 ... proceed further without the Assistance of the Honourable House of Commons, His Majesty
 ... is much troubled, and the Claymant really believes that His Majesty had a cordial Desire to
 ... hear and see the Cause determined, as by His coming up to the Bar of the House of Lords,
 ... that day the Hearing should have been had. Besides, His Majesty may perceive, I shall never
 ... leave my Claim, till Justice be done, by reason I now know it is my Right by Birth and
 ... Blood, and that the sole power of creating and preserving Honour rests in His Royal Brealt,
 ... as Flowers in the Crown: And by the Coronation-Oath, the King cannot take Titles from
 ... one Peer, to give to another Peer. But as God hath in mercy restored His Majesty to His
 ... Crown and Kingdoms, even so ought the King in Justice to restore every Loyal Subject to
 ... the Birth-right, Title and Inheritance of his Ancestors. It was very hard at first for the
 ... Claymant to find out the Name of his great Grandfather, by reason he was in his Childhood
 ... brought up amongst his Mothers Relations; And in the troublesome times (he being a Roy-
 ... alist) was forced to abscond and travel for many years, But the Adversaries
 ... did willdernize the Claymant, in hiding his great Grandfathers Christian Name from him:
 ... For Sir Ingelram Percy was the Claymant James Percie's Great Grandfather, and youngest
 ... Son of Henry Percy 5th. Earl of Northumberland, and this Collateral Line was never attain-
 ... ted; and therefore ought to be restored according to Henry Percy the 5th. Earls Parent, and
 ... not under the Patent of the New-Creation by Queen Mary for Thomas Percy, 2d. Son of the 5th.
 ... Earl, was attained, but Sir Ingelram Percy 3d. Son was Innocent, and to hath his Issue con-
 ... tinued to this day: And therefore prays for speedy Justice: Justice removes oppression, Glori-
 ... fies God, Honours the King, Rejoyces the People, puts an end to your troubles, and ratifies
 ... Peace, for which the Petitioner prays.

For Henry Percy, 5th. Earl, Great Great Grandfather, had Sir
 Ingelram Percy, Great Grandfather, who had Henry Percy
 Grandfather, and he had Henry Percy Father of the Claymant.

JAMES PERCY.

